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LIBERTY, or FACTION.

R Dunn (James)

" Utrum horum mavis Accipe "

WHATEVER Perſwaſion, Influence, or Force, occaſioned Col. *Dunn* to *give up, deſert, or betray the* TRUST conferred on him by 1057 Voters, who had actually poll'd for him, and by half as many more who had declared for him, at and on the Day of opening the Court of Huſtings, ſuch Perſwaſion, Influence, or Force, is ſubverſive of the RIGHT of all the Citizens, to be repreſented by Men elected by a fair Majority.

THE TRUST confered on him was UNALTERABLE and INDELIBLE, by any Power on Earth, excepting only, by that SUPREME COURT THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY of the whole Kingdom, which is the ſole Judge of its own Privileges and Elections.

THE Suffrages of the Electors had INVESTED him with a TRUST, from which he could not DIVEST himſelf, nor could the concurrent Voice of all his Electors DIVEST him.

THE TRUST conferred on him, the RIGHT and INTEREST of (not only) his Electors (but of all the Citizens) in him, were IRREVOCABLE, IRRECLAIMABLE, by the Electors themſelves, altho' he might forfeit all Eſteem from them, by Weakneſs, or Treachery.

BUT not the whole; only a few of his Electors aſſiſted in the Perſwaſion, Influence or Force, that frighted this old Man from his Poſt, that enerved his Reſolution, that put falſe Spectacles on him, through which he ſaw, with one Eye, Spectres of Fear, with the other, Phantoms of Applauſe.

HIS *giving up, deſerting, or betraying the* TRUST conferred on him deprived many Citizens of the opportunity of *polling*, prevented many from *polling*, becauſe afterward their Votes would have been ineffectual, either to *advance* the Perſons they would next to him *have choſen*, or to *prevent* a Majority to ſuch Perſons or PERSON as they *diſliked* to repreſent them.

WHETHER or not, ſuch a Thing ever happened before, as a Candidate, aſſured of Succeſs, RESIGNING near the cloſe of the Poll, ſuch RESIGNATION is certainly *unconſtitutional and ſubverſive* of the RIGHTS of the Conſtituents: Such a Method would expoſe the moſt virtuous and incorrupt Electors, to the abuſe of having Men diſagreeable to the Majority, *foiſted in* upon them, as duly elected Repreſentatives.

A COLLUSION, *venal or factious*, between Candidates (if ſuch Liberty of RESIGNING be admitted) would ſubject the City of *Dublin* to be made a Property of, in its Repreſentation, by the Tools of Power or of Faction, as much as the moſt *venal* and *corrupt Borough*.

SUCH appears the Reſignation of Col. *Dunn*, in Favour of a Faction (ſupported, it is true, by a great Number of well meaning though miſtaken Freemen of the ſeveral Corporations, who glow with a Love of Liberty, but are deluded by the Clamour, by the artful Gloſſes and Falſhoods of Men not FIT to be truſted) diſliked by the real Majority of ſober Freemen, and by the moſt *conſiderable, conſiderate and virtuous* Part of the Citizens.

IT is then right and neceſſary in ſupport of the Freedom of Elections, to enquire into the MANNER and MOTIVE of the ſaid Col. *Dunn*'s (miſcalled) Reſignation, whereby the RIGHTS of the Citizens, in the grand Point of their being fairly repreſented in Parliament, are ENDANGERED, on the preſent and every future Occaſion: " The common Cauſe of Liberty now on the Eve of being overturned or eſtabliſhed for ever."——— as *Lucas* ſays. That the Freedom of Elections, the BASIS of PUBLICK LIBERTY, may not be overturned by Faction.